

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
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Abbot F. Clark
Rajni Jani
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Serial No.: 10/772,963 (Conf. #5299)

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For: FORMULATIONS OF
GLUCOCORTICOIDS TO TREAT
PATHOLOGIC OCULAR ANGIOGENESIS

Group Art Unit: 1617

Examiner: S. Hui

Atty. Dkt. No.: 2471 US

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**AMENDMENT and RESPONSE TO OFFICE
ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 9, 2004**

Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Official Action mailed September 9, 2004, for which the three-month date for response was December 9, 2004.

A request for a three-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This three-month extension will bring the due date to March 9, 2005, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Alcon, Inc. Deposit Account No. 501051.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification** in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings** in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.